

Genealogy Teachings Of Mormon Church

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great and dreadful day of the Lord come.

"15. To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse.

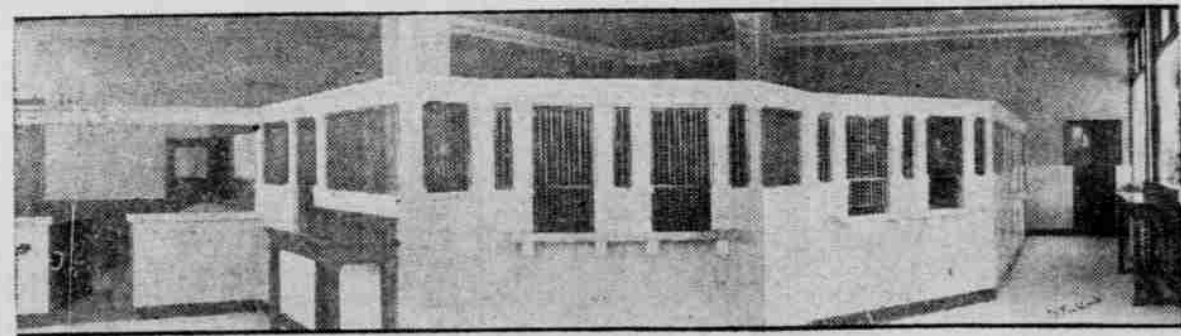
"16. Therefore, the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands, and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors."

This glorious vision was the climax

of dedication, prayer and service and in answer thereto. The Christ accepted their offering.

What was the significance of the appearance of Moses? Note the definite message: "And Moses appeared before us, and committed unto us the keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the earth and the leading of the ten tribes from the land of the north."

Up to this time the gospel had only been preached in the United States and Canada, but shortly after elders of the church were sent to foreign lands—England, France, Denmark, Sweden, etc., and to the Isles of the sea, carrying the message of the restored gospel. Converts were made



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in every land—the spirit of gathering came upon them and thus was the message of Moses fulfilled. At the great jubilee held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 24th, 1897, there was represented in person converts representing 17 different nations, thus fulfilling literally the conditions implied as the reason for the "keys of gathering" being bestowed upon them.

Some may say the gathering "of Israel from the four parts of the earth" was a natural result of the preaching there. But the mission of Elijah as prophesied by the mouth of Malachi (Mal. 4: 4-5), if to be fulfilled, depended upon God than upon the church. Note the object "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers, lest the whole world be smitten with a curse," and the key of this dispensation (or spirit of it) are committed unto your hands, and "by this ye may know that the coming of the Son of Man is near at hand."

This "turning of the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers," that unless it occurred the "whole world would be smitten with a curse." What was it must be done to save the world from a curse?

Joseph Smith said it was the great work inaugurated by Jesus Christ, who, while his body lay in the tomb, went and preached to the spirits in prison opening the prison doors to those who were disobedient in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared, that they might be saved, when they accept the gospel message and were baptized for which was evidently understood by Paul, when he said, "Else why are ye baptized for the dead if the dead rise not at all; why are ye then baptized for the dead?" For manifestly it would be both unjust and unworthy of the Son of God to preach the gospel, to hold out the hope of salvation to the spirits in prison unless there was a plan for their redemption, even though they rebelled against God while in the flesh. Peter testifies to this wonderful truth when he refers to Christ preaching to the spirits that are dead, that they might live, according to God, in the spirit, but he judged according to men in the flesh.

And it is plain to be seen that in order to have these baptisms performed, since each individual must be identified as heretofore mentioned, it opened a door in a staggering way to genealogy.

The hearts of the children must be turned to the fathers that their names of the ancestors may be gathered, identified, and the relationship of each be traced to their heirs. And certainly if the Father's words are true, "except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven," the earth would be smitten with a curse if only those who received the gospel were baptized while living on the earth are the only ones to be saved in the "Kingdom of Heaven." For but few of God's children have lived upon earth when gospel was here. What of untold millions who did not live upon earth and were not so blessed, who never even heard the name of Jesus Christ and who therefore obeyed not the ordinances of the gospel?

Today only about one-third of the population of the world are nominally Christian, and but a comparatively

small portion of that one-third live up to God's law as delivered by the Master. What of them, as well as all the balance of mankind, who live and have lived?

The mission of Elijah was "to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers" to inspire and inaugurate a revolution in the hearts of the children of men, and send them ancestry hunting with ever increasing fervor. This was what Elijah's coming meant, and have the children of men responded?

Joseph Smith might proclaim the coming of Elijah and his mission, but only God could put into the hearts of men to "convert."

Joseph Smith might inspire close associates, but only God could touch the heart of mankind throughout the world, unknown to each other, to fulfill the promise.

Has there been a "turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers" since the time of Elijah's visit? For if there was necessarily for his coming, then the signs of it should be manifest in the world.

At the time of his coming in 1836, there was no general knowledge or interest in genealogy and there was no genealogical organization in all the world. In the whole of America there was only three publications that had anything to do with family research and they were utilized for the most part in tracing landed titles and claims to established land grants and to protect from spurious claimants, family lines.

There was no baptismal font in the Kirtland temple, as the prophet had no knowledge of the work, until after the "keys" were delivered by the Prophet Elijah. But as soon as the saints made the settlement of Nauvoo, Ill., and became established there, the prophet was commanded to build another temple and was given by revelation the construction and dimensions of the building. In it was to be constructed a "baptismal font," the first in this dispensation, to be used for baptism of both the living and for the dead.

The first baptisms for the dead occurred at Nauvoo in 1844, and contemporaneous with these first baptisms the first genealogical organization in the world was organized, "The New England Historical and Genealogical Society" of Boston, Mass.

Following the appearance of Elijah and the first baptisms for the dead, a great wave of genealogical interest and research swept over America, and by the year 1874 there were 400 genealogical publications listed in the United States alone. And a great tidal wave of ancestry searching spread over the country, spreading from America throughout England, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian countries, and the islands of the sea—wherever the blood of Israel had been scattered.

Great volumes of genealogical lines, family histories, city, county and state vital statistics have multiplied, until such is the interest now in these matters that most great newspapers have a genealogical department, and all great libraries have a genealogical department, and many of which, the librarians claim, are more generously sought after than any other department.

The librarian of the first great genealogical society organized in the world, as above stated, says:

"Nobody knows how many volumes of genealogical works we have. Our chief concern is to secure everything in American genealogy called for."

The Newberry Library of Chicago had, six years ago, 6000 volumes of genealogy and 3000 volumes of town history. The Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., had 4500 volumes of genealogy, besides many works on genealogical subjects.

The Genealogical Society of Utah has about 2500 volumes of genealogy and family history in their library, and are assembling others as rapidly as they learn of their publication.

The first genealogical congress was held in San Francisco, Cal., in 1915, during the world's fair, at which the writer was an accredited delegate. Representatives from 46 genealogical organizations in the United States and delegates from foreign countries numbering 297, besides many not listed, were present.

Many forward movements genealogically were inaugurated, and before its adjournment there was brought into being a great international genealogical federation of all the world, whose object was to unite the intelligent energy of the whole world in advancing genealogical research and improving the systems of keeping the records of cities, counties, states, nations and the world, and to advance the spirit and work of genealogy in all the world.

Another remarkable coincidence genealogically is that the membership of the church is made up not only of representatives of many nations but representatives also of many families (it is said there are representatives of more different families in the church than of any organization of like numbers in all the world) often only one or two of a family, fulfilling the scripture wherein it says that there shall be gathered "one of a city and two of a family" before the coming of the Son of Man.

As a result of these conditions, however, a veritable stream of genealogical and family histories are pouring into the hands of the families in the church (and often the interest in genealogy is coincident with the first baptisms performed by members of the family in the church) thus placing in the hands of the saints, often without effort on their part, and at nominal cost wonderful accumulations of data and genealogy, which they transfer to their temple records, and proceed, as rapidly as possible to do the work in the temple for them. In Mesa there are a great many such family histories and genealogies, Stewarts, Davis, LeBaron, Stapley, Phelps and Pomroy, etc. The genealogy of the last named, the family name and line is carried back without confusion for 860 years, and through a collateral line the ancestry is carried back to 350 A. D.

With the world's stage thus set and with the responsibility resting squarely upon the shoulders of the Latter Day Saints to search out their dead, to compile their genealogies, transfer the names and data to their temple records, and proceed with the work in the temple, it is imperative that all members in the church shall receive a training in genealogical research. For Joseph Smith warned the church that "all saints who fail to seek after their dead shall do it at the peril of their own salvation."

And to assist in this work, a num-

ber of years ago there was organized a Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, a genealogical library was started and a Quarterly Genealogical magazine published. Presiding over these utilities is a general board, which also presides over and directs the work throughout the church. In each of the 84 stakes of Zion are located a stake board, consisting of five members, who preside over the work in the stakes. And in each of the 84 wards there is also a ward board, consisting of like number, who preside over the work in their ward. Under each board and assisting them are bodies of committeemen, who when they receive training in genealogy, with and under the direction of the stake and ward boards, go out and visit and instruct and train the families of the saints in their homes in order to carry on effective work of the stake and ward boards.

The slogan of this organization has been, "A family and individual record in each family, a family organization in each name," organized for the purpose of promoting family unity and genealogical and temple work in the family.

The Latter Day Saints are responding nobly to this work, nor are they slack in providing the temples in which this work is to be done. They have built seven temples, at a cost of nearly \$10,000,000, five of which are and have been crowded to the limit for years.

Up to and including the year 1920 there have been 322,156 baptisms performed by proxy in the temples, 217,919 of which were performed during the year 1920, and since the world has so wonderfully helped us out in genealogical research, placing in our hands so munificently the records of our fathers, the year 1921 bids fair to double the number of 1920.

Genealogy and its handmaid, temple service, contemplates tracing the family line back to Adam, and administering the ordinance of baptism as well as other ordinances for all who will accept the gospel of the Redeemer. It contemplates the sealing in the holy bonds of marriage husbands and wives—an eternal union; sealing and adopting of children to parents, born out of the covenant, of this generation to that of the preceding generation, on and on back to Father Adam and Mother Eve, of all who are worthy; that the culmination of this stupendous work will be the principal occupation during the millennium, when thousands of temples will be built and the work carried on under heavenly supervision.

Joseph Smith further said this work was what Paul indicated when he said, "For we cannot be made perfect until the fathers, therefore can the fathers be made perfect without us."

GEM CITY MARKET IS WELL EQUIPPED

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[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—Appointment of four federal prohibition agents in Texas was announced today by federal Prohibition Director D. H. Morris. They are: W. H. Meyers, Galveston; G. M. Floyd, Madi-

sonville; Fred Wilson, Houston; and T. M. Gonzales, Austin. Mr. Morris reported that the boundary situation in Texas has promise of early solution and was said to have recommended federal legislation governing smuggling across the Mexican border which would put rum running on the same basis with merchandise smuggling, which is subject to a two year prison sentence. He also took up with the commission the question of liquor reaching this country from Canada via Mexico.

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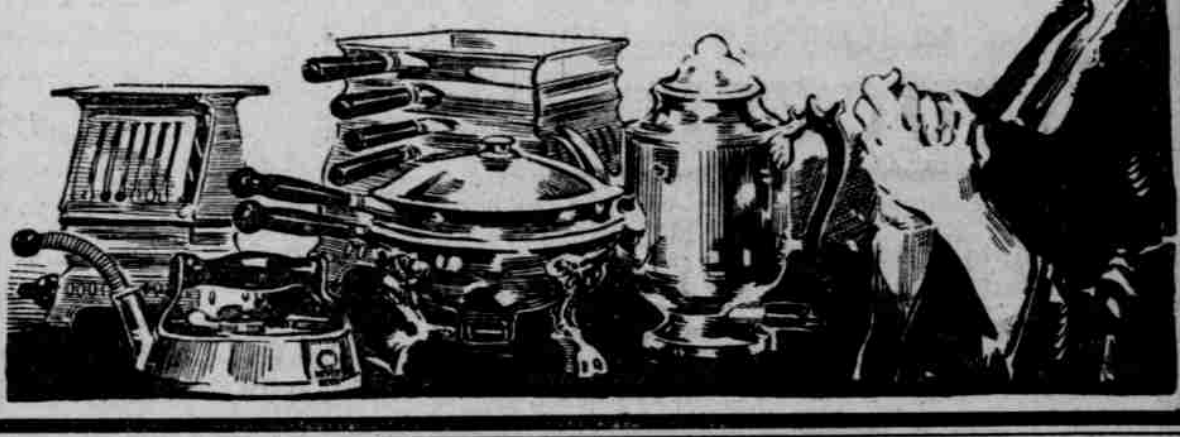
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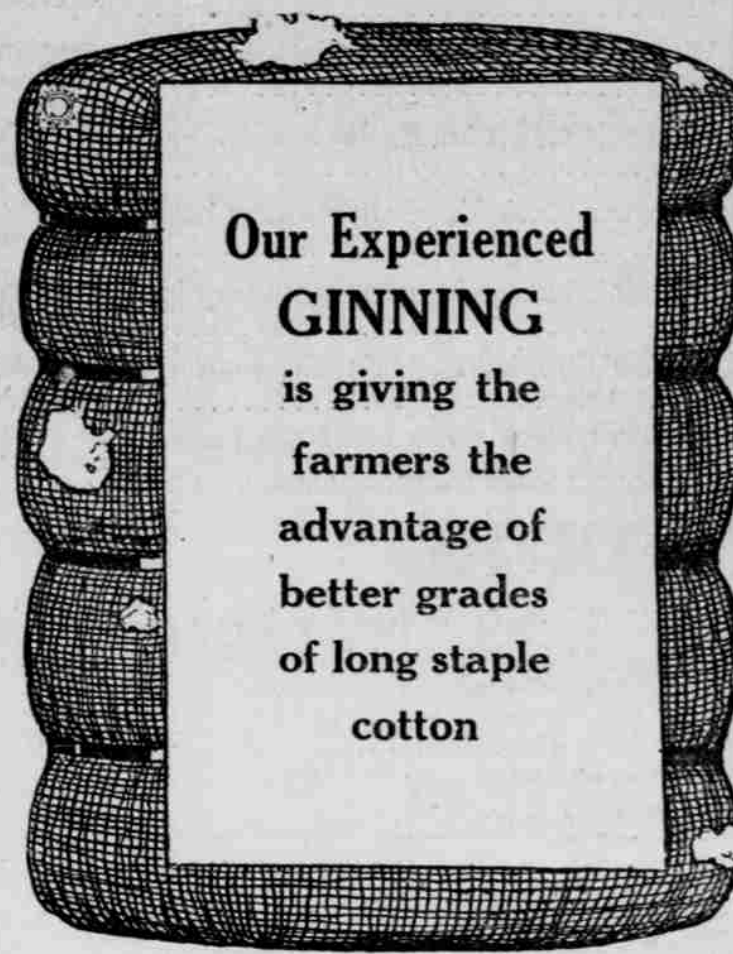
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